

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number: PCC116/18</b>
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> MARAC IDVA resource
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of a grant from the 2018-19 Victims' Fund to Safer Places for the allocation of an IDVA resource into the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) to support new arrangements and address capacity issues.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of up to £25,000 to Safer Places to provide additional Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) resources to the Essex MARAC until March 2019.

### 3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. This additional IDVA resource will ensure victim safety is prioritised as part of the multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) process. MARACs enable effective data and information sharing between key stakeholders to safeguard victims of domestic abuse; integrating the IDVA into this process ensures the victim's voice is represented in discussions and pertinent information held by the service is made available to inform decision making.

### 4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The aims of MARAC are to:
  - Share relevant information to help increase the safety, health and wellbeing of victims of domestic abuse.
  - Jointly construct an Action Plan to provide professional support to all those at high risk of Domestic Abuse that aims to reduce the risk of harm.
  - Determine whether the perpetrator of domestic abuse poses a significant risk to any particular individual or to the general community.

- 4.2. A review of the MARAC arrangements in Essex was undertaken in April 2018. The review identified a number of recommendations which are being implemented, one of those recommendations was to hold "Super MARACs" in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings – this will ensure MARAC cases are heard within the target time of 14 days. These additional meetings have resource implications on partner agencies, including IDVA. This grant funding will enable Safer Places to back-fill an IDVA post to make attendance at MARAC and Super MARAC meetings possible.
- 4.3. The review also identified issues of capacity within the MARAC which this funding is aiming to mitigate. The ultimate observation of the review into MARAC was that "without agencies working together and sharing information, crucial actions will be missed and not shared with the correct people, which will put victims at risk.
- 4.4. Safer Places are the current contracted supplier for IDVA services in Essex. The commencement of that contract in 2014 pre-dated the existing MARAC arrangements; hence the existing contract does not take full account of the IDVA resources required in the MARAC. The current IDVA contract will conclude in April 2019 when a new service will be introduced. This grant funding will support additional resources in the short term until the commencement of the new service.
- 5. Police and Crime Plan**
- 5.1. This grant ensures that victims are placed at the heart of the criminal justice process. This grant will ensure that vulnerable adults and children are protected from harm and will help to break the cycle of domestic abuse.
- 6. Police Operational Implications**
- 6.1. There are no direct operational implications of this decision for Essex Police.
- 7. Financial Implications**
- 7.1. A one-off grant of up to £25,000 will be allocated to Safer Places in the form of a crime and disorder grant from the PFCC's 2018-19 victims' commissioning fund.
- 8. Legal Implications**
- 8.1. This funding will be subject to the terms of the PFCC's standard grant agreement.
- 9. Staffing and other resource implications**
- 9.1. Employment of agency staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of Safer Places. No liabilities will be placed on the PFCC as a result of this grant funding.
- 10. Equality and Diversity implications**
- 10.1. There are no direct equality and diversity implications.
- 11. Background papers**
- 11.1. Essex MARAC review



**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC .

Monitoring Officer

Sign

*Paul R Field*

Print: ...Dr Paul Field.....

Date: ...15<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: .....

*A. Green*

Print: .....A Green.....

Date: .....15/8/18.....

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NO

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed: .....

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: J Gardner.....

Print: JANE GARDNER.....

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 16 AUGUST 2018.....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....

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Date signed: .....